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Purpose/Agenda

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• Purpose:

- Provide an overview of analysis in support of the UK SDSR
- Describe US support to the SDSR
- Discuss insights from this effort that could shape US analysis

Agenda:

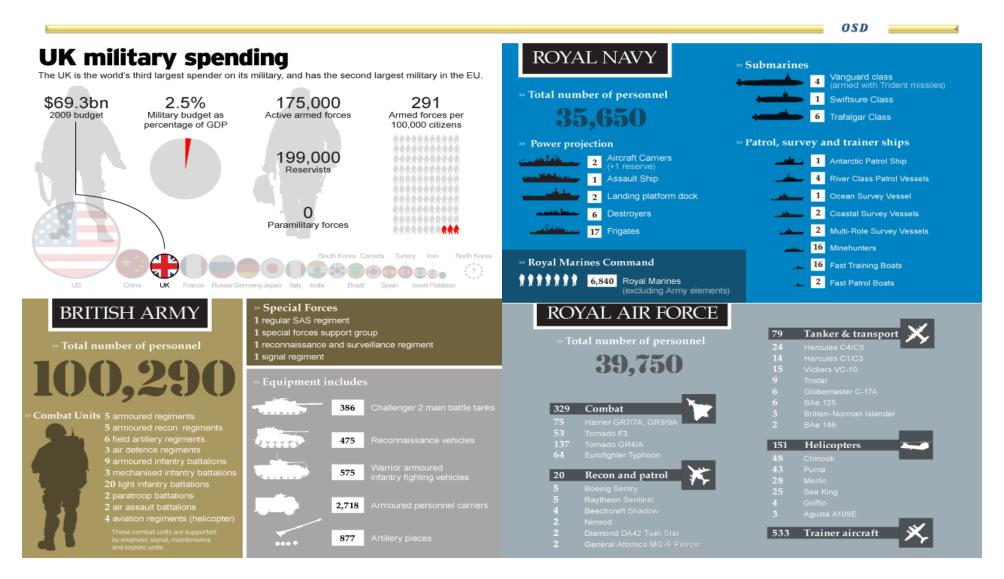
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- SDSR Analysis
- Insights

Background

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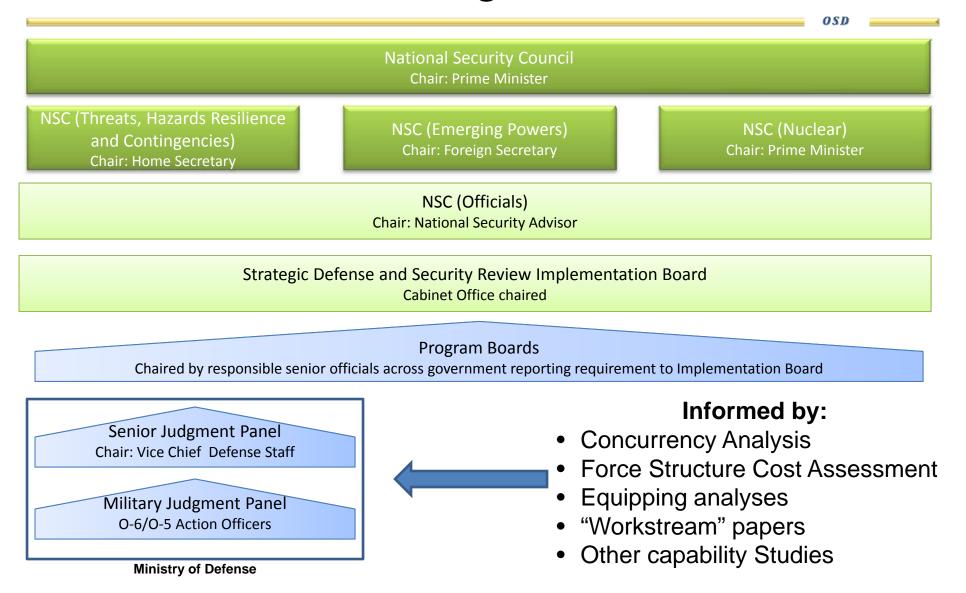
- May, 2010 UK election brought a new government to power; the Conservative Party in coalition with Liberal Democrats announced plans for a 20% across-the-board cuts to government spending and launched the SDSR
 - UK government debt is 64% of GDP(£: 927B)
 - Budget deficit 13% of GDP
- New government directed the development of options to reduce the Defense Budget by up to 20% accounting for:
 - Modernization costs
 - Personnel costs increasing above the rate of inflation
 - Replacing the UK nuclear deterrent
- Future Character of Conflict (FCOC) strategy paper provided future operational context
- US supported SDSR in multiple UK organizations
 - Jim Johnson (OSD/CAPE) Equipment Programming
 - Rachel Ellehaus (OSD (P)) Strategy Development
 - Al Sweetser (OSD/CAPE/SAC) Strategy Management/Operational Analysis
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UK Defense Overview



SDSR analysis 181 Force Elements that addressed ~67% of Defense Budget & ~50% of Manpower

SDSR Organization



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Scenarios and Force Sizing Construct

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Strategic Postures Evaluated

Committed Britain

Committed, Large Stabilization, and a simple operation

Adaptable Britain

Committed, Medium Stabilization, and two small complex, and a simple operation

Vigilant Britain

Committed, Small Stabilization, medium complex, and a simple operation

- Scenarios binned into 4 classifications
 - Committed Homeland Defense, nuclear deterrence, special operations, strategic intelligence
 - Stabilization enduring operations
 - Complex multi-service focus and multiple objectives
 - Simple single-service focus and singular objective
- The force sizing construct evaluated seven scenarios
 - Restore freedom of navigation in contested waters (ability to sustain global trade)
 - Stabilization (scale and sufficiency in ability to deploy and sustain a brigade size force including enablers)
 - UK lead Coalition that intervenes in civil war with follow-on counter-insurgency (logistics and C2 capabilities)
 - Reaction to loose nuke in hands of non-state group (highly responsive force with focus on strategic intelligence)
 - Complex NEO (rapid deployment and reach-back)
 - Liberation of allied from occupying state (multi-role brigade with maritime and air support)
 - Deter Use of Force against UK (presence and nuclear deterrent)

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^{*} Presented is initial Force Sizing Construct. SDSR ended up focusing on Adaptable and eliminating one complex scenario

Competing Contributions to SDSR Analysis

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- Equipment Programming Division
 - Equipping issue analyses
 - Approach: Strategic Balance of Investment (StratBol) model
- Strategy Management Division
 - Operational Analysis
 - Approach: Concurrency Analysis Tool (CAT), supported by DSTL
- Strategy Development and MoD Programmers
 - Cost Analysis
 - Approach: "Workstreams" papers

All strands of analysis considered Force Sizing Construct, Concurrency, and Costs

SDSR General Methodology & Process

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- National Security Council established force sizing construct
- Senior Judgment Panel (SJP: Vice Chief led) and Military Judgment Panel (MJP: O-5/O-6 action officers) reviewed and approved scenario demands
- MoD programmers computed cost for various options generated by 30 teams covering a range of capabilities
- MoD organizations (FD/OA/EP/DSTL Military and Analysts) conducted concurrency analysis using StratBol, Concurrency Analysis Tool, and Force Costing Tools
 - Developed Force structure options based on Senior leadership guidance, scenario requirements, and cost constraints
 - Conducted Sufficiency Analysis for each of the force structure options to determine a
 potential force structure's ability to support a force sizing construct and test its
 robustness against more demanding and complex scenarios
- Analytical products were considered in the SJP and NSC to inform decisions

Concurrency Analysis

Adaptable Britain

Committed, Medium Stabilization, and two small complex, and a simple operation

- **Standing Commitments** 1.
- Medium Stabilization
- 3. 1st Complex
- 2nd Complex 4.
- Simple

33 Total Scenario Combinations

Complex Scenarios

- Scenario X
 - COA 1
 - COA 2
- Scenario Y
 - COA₁
- Scenario Z
 - COA 1
 - COA 2
 - COA₃

Simple Scenario

- Scenario A
 - COA 1
 - COA 2
 - COA 3

- Based on Strategic Posture and scenario selection all possible permutations are generated
- Sufficiency Analysis is conducted for each Concurrency Set
- Select "most efficient" COA within each Concurrency Set
- Maximum demand based on "most efficient" COA in each of the Concurrency Sets is used to determine over/under utilized forces
 - Each Concurrency Set has multiple scenarios each with multiple Courses of Action
 - The combination of COAs that best aligns with the capability and capacity of a force structure option is selected
 - Other COAs provide a means to test a force structure option to better understand risk and robustness

Concurrent Set with Complex X&Y

Scenario Combination 1

- 1. Commitments
- 2. Medium Stabilization
- 3. Scenario X COA 1
- 4. Scenario Y COA 1
- 5. Scenario A COA 1

Scenario **Combination 6**

- 1. Commitments
- 2. Medium Stabilization
- 3. Scenario X COA 2
- 4. Scenario Y COA 1
- 5. Scenario A COA 3

Determine "most efficient" COA

Concurrent Set with Complex X&Z

Scenario Combination 1

- 1. Commitments
- 2. Medium Stabilization
- 3. Scenario X COA 1
- 4. Scenario Z COA 1
- 5. Scenario A COA 1

Scenario Combination 18

- 1. Commitments
- 2. Medium Stabilization
- 3. Scenario X COA 2
- Scenario Z COA 3
- 5. Scenario A COA 3

Determine "most efficient" COA

Concurrent Set with Complex Y&Z

Scenario Combination 1

1. Commitments

- 2. Medium Stabilization
- 3. Scenario Y COA 1
- 4. Scenario Z COA 1
- 5. Scenario A COA 1

Scenario Combination 9

- 1. Commitments
- 2. Medium Stabilization
- 3. Scenario Y COA 1
- 4. Scenario Z COA 3
- 5. Scenario A COA 3

Determine "most efficient" COA

Max demand of "most efficient" COAs across all Concurrency Sets

Force Structure Tools - Concurrency Analysis Tool (CAT)

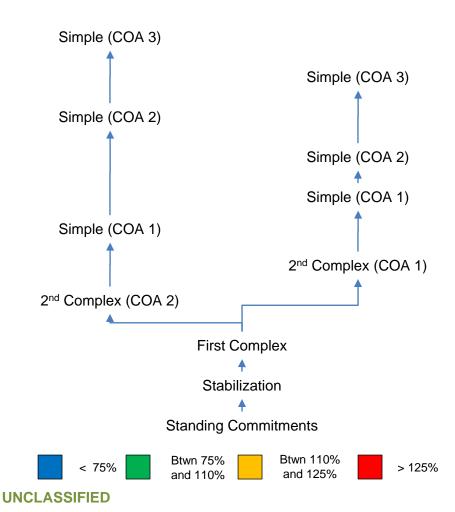
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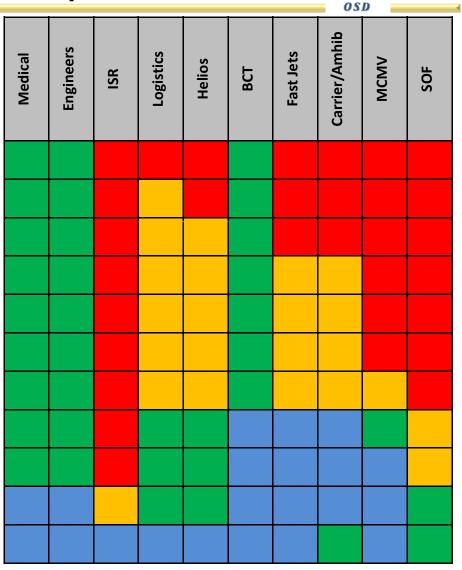
- Determines the "most efficient" course of action for each scenario combination based on weighted score or cost
- Determines the minimal force requirement to achieve all scenario combinations being considered
- Highlights affluences and shortfalls across all COAs given minimal force requirement
- Identifies alternative courses of action that can be met given the minimal force requirement
- Provides recommendations on potential force adjustments given budgetary constraints
- Requires interaction with analyst to determine appropriate substitutions and places to take risk

Force Structure Tools – CAT

Illustrative Outputs

Represents force utilization for a scenario combination measured against a force structure option





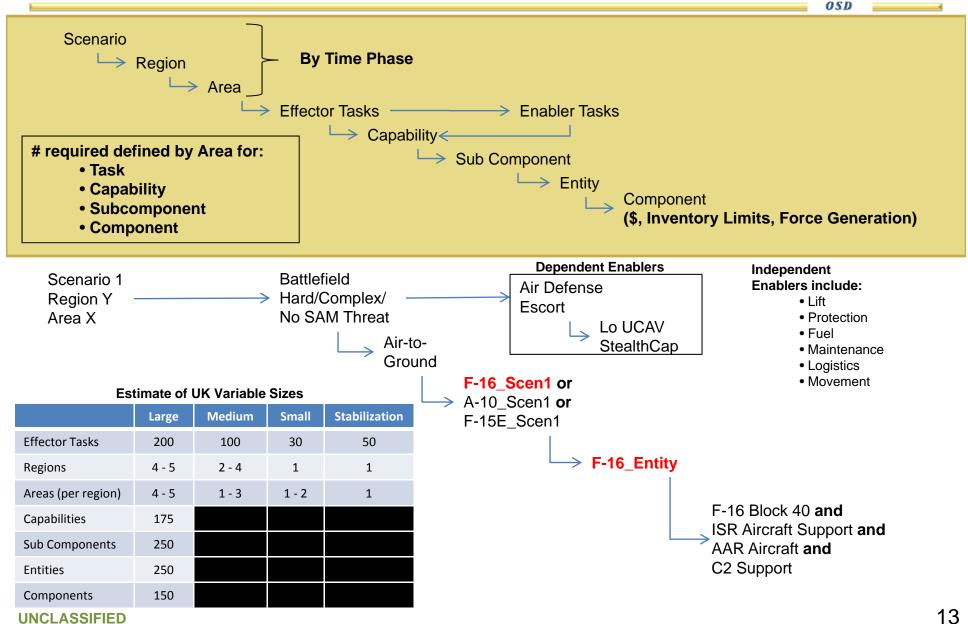
Illustrative Example of output presented to SJP

Force Structure Tools - StratBol

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- Optimization tool that determines the most cost effective force structure for each service that best achieves a set of policy goals
- Highlights priorities for savings and areas for investment
 - Determines under-utilized forces and costs associated with not using them
 - Determines over-utilized forces and costs needed to obtain more capability
- Task-based model utilizing alternative means of achievement and costs
- SDSR use:
 - Build up of scenarios to better understand operational risks and costs
 - Vary Coalition contributions
 - Modify standing commitments
 - Alter assumptions on level of effort in Afghanistan
 - Vary force structure mix assumptions (decreasing/increasing capabilities)
 - Modify force rotation rates

UK Optimization Tool Structure (StratBol)



SDSR Key Outcomes

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- 8% reduction in defense spending
- 17K personnel reduction across Army, Navy, AF
- 30% cut in MOD civilian workforce
- Cuts Nimrod, Ark Royal Aircraft Carrier, Sentinel, 600 tanks and armored vehicles, 4 destroyers/fast frigates, 5 Army HQ
- Early retirement of Tornado and Harrier
- Cancels buy of 138 F-35B and replaces with smaller buy of F35C
- Cuts 1 Army Brigade
- Buys more Transport/Utility Helios (Chinooks, extends Puma, upgrades Merlin, continues Wildcat buy)
- Delayed Trident nuclear deterrent replacement by up to 5 years
- No cuts to SF and Marines
- Invests in Cyber
- Places new aircraft carrier, amphibious ship, some tanks and aircraft in extended readiness for regeneration

Strengths & Weaknesses of SDSR Analysis

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Strengths

- Credibility of scenarios was improved by FCOC and SJP/MJP
- SJP/MJP provided responsive guidance
- Analysis turn around was rapid and relevant
- A wide range of alternatives was considered

Weaknesses

- Did not consider future shocks or scenarios beyond those initially prescribed
- Did not consider linkages to future concepts
- Simplified Force Management Assumptions
- Although depth of scenarios was a strength, the breadth of scenarios considered could have been expanded

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US/UK Analysis Comparison

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	US	UK
Players	 OSD (P), OSD CAPE, Joint Staff, Military Stove-Piped with Structured Collaboration 	 Policy, Programmers, Operational Analysis, Military Integrated no independent analysis
Scenarios	Day-to-Day, CM, andStabilization, WarfightsSingular means of execution	Standing Commitments,Stabilization, InterventionsMultiple Courses of Action
Timeframe	 Steady State (Rot), Surge (Non-Rot), Post Surge (Rot) 	• Single Timeframe (Rot)
Variables	 Rotation Rates by Timeframe, RIP/TOA, Presence Usage, Ramp Down of Forces, Disengagement, Mobilization, Force Availability 	Rotation Rates by EventCosts
Outputs	 Over/Under Stressed Capabilities across multiple force sizing constructs 	 Over/Under Stressed Capabilities across multiple force structure options and force sizing constructs

Things for DoD to Consider in Future Studies

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- Improve ability to rapidly develop and assess new scenarios
- Improve links in analysis to costs and end strength
- Focus Analytic Agenda work to prepare for future strategic reviews (e.g. QDR, OA etc)
- Consider force testing across a wider range of scenarios and courses of action for each scenario
- Consider impacts of future shocks on defense planning
- Improve participation of allies and consideration of their capabilities



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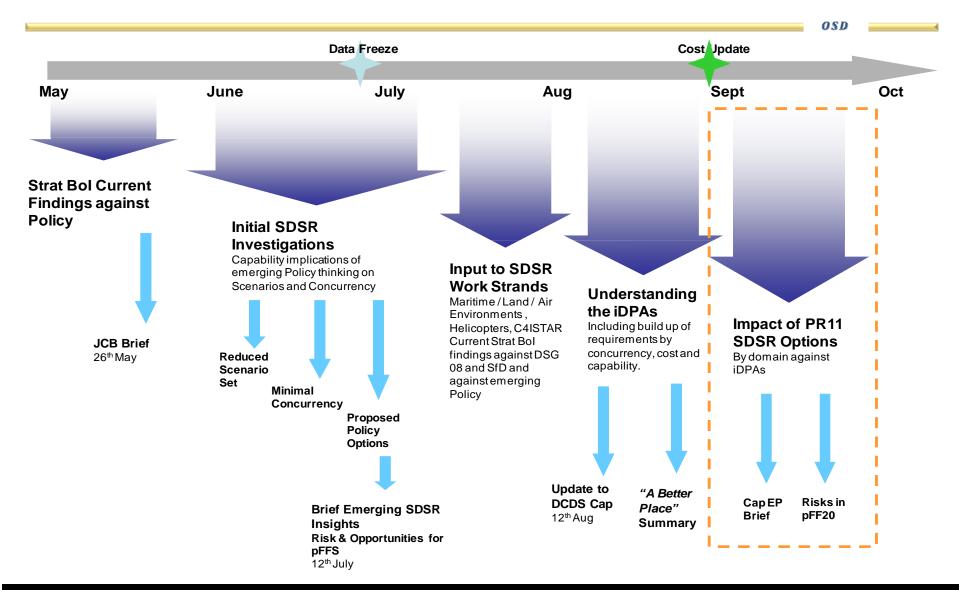
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Challenges in the Use of Optimization Tools for Force Structure Analysis

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- Task translation
 - Defining number of units to complete task
 - Defining effectiveness functions (linear or non-linear)
- Issues
 - Defining meaningful tasks at an aggregated level
 - Defining alternative capabilities
- Simplification
 - Analytical assumptions
 - Presence Usage, Guard/Reserve Mobilization, Rotational/Non-Rotational forces for same events, etc
 - Data Specification
- Development of cost data
- Policy

Force Structure Tools - StratBol



StratBol provided useful information throughout SDSR process, though it is unclear of how much influence the model results had on Senior decision making

CAPE/SAC Way Ahead

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- Plan to integrate Cost and End-Strength into current force structure analysis
- Investigating applicability of optimization
 - Bill Cotsworth on contract thru April 2011
- Work with CAPE/SAC campaign analysts to define Warfight tasks and alternative means of execution
 - Start with ISC B warfights
- Expand on IDA work to determine better estimate cost
- Use IDA COST model to calculate cost of Foundational Activities